

acoustic transmission loss of no more than 3 dB in the range of frequencies from 300 to 3000 Hz.

5. (amended) The sound-transmissive cover assembly of claim 1, wherein the assembly further comprises an oleophobic treatment [coating].

10. (amended) The sound-transmissive cover assembly of claim 1, wherein the assembly has a long-term water entry pressure of at least 1 meter [of] water column [submersion] for a minimum of 30 minutes.

12. (amended) The sound-transmissive cover assembly of claim 1, wherein [the support system is an adhesive system] said microporous membrane is supported around its periphery by a plurality of adhesive support systems.

(Please cancel claims 13-23.)

Please add new claims 24-27 as follows:

24. The sound-transmissive cover assembly of claim 12, wherein said microporous membrane is supported by said adhesive support systems in a captive construction.

25. The sound-transmissive cover assembly of claim 24, wherein said cover assembly further comprises an acoustic gasket.

26. A method of using a microporous membrane as a sound-transmissive acoustic protective cover for an electronic device having a transducer, comprising:

supporting a microporous membrane around its periphery with at least one adhesive support system such that at least a portion of said membrane is free to move in response to acoustic energy; and

orienting said supported microporous membrane so as to cover the transducer in the electronic device, thereby forming a sound-transmissive acoustic protective cover;

whereby the cover has an instantaneous water entry pressure of at least one meter water column and an overall acoustic transmission loss of no more than 3 dB in the range of frequencies from 300 to 3000 Hz.

27. The method claim 26, further comprising providing an oleophobic treatment on said microporous membrane.